

REMARKS

According to the Final Office Action, claims 2 – 4 are objected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. In response, claims 2 – 4 are amended to address the issues raised in the Final Office Action. In view of the amendments, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Further according to the Final Office Action, claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Humpleman *et al.* (US Patent No. 6,288,716).

Applicant wishes to thank the examiner for indicating allowability of claims 5-15 and allowable subject matter of claim 17.

To expedite the prosecution of the application and without conceding any statements or waiving any arguments in the Final Office Action, Applicant's claims are amended as follows:

Claim 1 is amended to contain allowable subject matter of claim 17, thereby making claim 1 and dependent claims 2 – 4 allowable.

Claim 17 is canceled without prejudice.

An earnest effort has been made to be fully responsive to the examiner's correspondence and advance the prosecution of this case. In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Please charge any additional fees associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 14-1270.

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